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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment with a check \$806 for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 67-93 follows:

(New) A method for predicting clinical responses in subjects based on a genetic polymorphism, comprising:

comparing a three-dimensional (3-D) model of a structure of a protein from a biological sample from a subject to 3-D structures contained in a database:

identifying a structure in the database that is similar to the model of a protein from the subject and

predicting a clinical outcome for the subject based on the clinical data associated with the identified structures.

(New) The method of claim 67, wherein:

the clinical outcome is the efficacy of a treatment; and

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